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§ 553.1 Purpose.

The following specifies the authority and assigns the responsibilities for the development, operation, maintenance, and administration of the Arlington and Soldiers' Home National Cemeteries, a civil works activity of the Department of the Army.

§ 553.2 Statutory authority.

Basic statutory authority pertaining to the Army national cemeteries is in chapter 7, title 24, United States Code, entitled "National Cemeteries." Many of the provisions of this chapter were repealed by section 7(a) of the National Cemeteries Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-43, 18 June 1973, 38 U.S.C. 1000 *et seq.*); but section 7(b) provides that nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect in any manner the functions, powers, and duties of the Secretary of the Army with respect to Arlington and Soldiers' Home National Cemeteries.

§ 553.3 Scope and applicability.

(a) *Scope.* The development, operation, maintenance, and administration of Arlington National Cemetery and the Soldiers' Home National Cemetery are governed by this part and TM 10-287. AR 210-190 assigns responsibilities for the operation, maintenance, and administration of Army post cemeteries.

(b) *Applicability.* The provisions of AR 290-5 are applicable to active and retired members of the Armed Forces, certain disabled veterans, and veterans who were awarded certain military decorations.

§ 553.4 Responsibilities.

The Army national cemeteries, consisting of the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, and Soldiers' Home National Cemetery, Washington, DC, are under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works is directly responsible to the Secretary of the Army for policy formulation in the administration of these cemeteries. The Adjutant General is responsible for their day-to-day

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administration, operation, and maintenance. Specific responsibilities for Arlington and Soldiers' Home National Cemeteries are delegated to the Commander, Military District of Washington in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding.

§ 553.5 Federal jurisdiction.

Where the State legislature has given the consent of that State to purchase the land which now comprises an Army national cemetery, the jurisdiction and power of legislation of the United States over Army national cemeteries will, in all courts and places, be held to be the same as is granted by Section 8, Article 1, Constitution of the United States.

§ 553.6 Donations.

(a) *Policy.* Under Department of the Army policy, proffered donations or gifts for beautifying Army national cemeteries may be accepted from legitimate societies and organizations or from reputable individuals, subject to the following provisions:

(1) The society, organization, or individual does not associate the name of the Department of the Army in any way with soliciting for the donation or gift.

(2) Delivery is made to the cemetery or to another point designated by the Department of the Army without expense to the Government.

(3) Installing, constructing, placing, or planting is in keeping with the planned development of the cemetery and the donor agrees to the use of the gift at any designated place within the cemetery.

(4) The donor is not permitted to affix any commemorative tablet or plaque to the items donated or to place one in the cemetery or elsewhere on Department of the Army property.

(b) *Processing.* All proffers of donations to Army national cemeteries will be referred to The Adjutant General with the recommendation of the cemetery superintendent as to the action to be taken.

(c) *Conditional gifts.* The Secretary of the Army is authorized, at his discretion, to accept, receive, hold, administer, and expend any gift, devise, or bequest of real or personal property on

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condition that the item be used for the benefit of, or in connection with, the operation maintenance, or administration of the two national cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. The Adjutant General will take appropriate action on conditional gifts as prescribed in AR 1-100.

(d) *Unconditional gifts.* All proffers or donations of gifts which are unconditional will be accompanied by a report stating all material facts in connection with the source, nature, and purpose of the gift.

§ 553.7 Design and layout of Army national cemeteries.

(a) General cemetery layout plans, landscape planting plans and gravesite layout plans for Army national cemeteries will be maintained by The Adjutant General.

(b) New burial sections will be opened and prepared for burials only with the approval of The Adjutant General and after types and sizes of monuments on permanent sites have been established.

§ 553.8 Arlington Memorial Amphitheater.

(a) The Act of 2 September 1960 (74 Stat; 24 U.S.C. 295a) provides that the Secretary of Defense or his designee may send to Congress or his designee may send to Congress in January of each year recommendations on the memorials to be erected and the remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces to be entombed in the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. The Act further provides that—

(1) No memorial may be erected and no remains may be entombed in the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater unless specifically authorized by Congress;

(2) The character, design, or location of any memorial authorized by Congress is subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense or of his designee.

(b) Under the provisions of the Act of 2 September 1960, the Secretary of the Army has been designated to act in behalf of the Secretary of Defense.

(c) The Department of the Army will seek the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts concerning any requests relative to inscriptions or memorials

within the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater.

§ 553.9 Power of arrest.

The superintendents of Army national cemeteries are authorized to arrest any person who willfully destroys, cuts, breaks, injures, or removes any tree, shrub, or plant within the limits of the cemetery and to bring that person before any United States magistrate or judge of any district court of the United States within any State or district where the cemeteries are situated, to hold that person to answer for the misdemeanor, and then and there to make a complaint in due form.

§ 553.10 Solicitations.

Solicitations to the public of any type of business including the sale of souvenirs and refreshments within the cemetery are prohibited. Violators who do not leave when so ordered or who unlawfully reenter the cemetery after being evicted will be subject to prosecution.

§ 553.11 Procurement.

Cemetery supplies and services will be procured in accordance with the provisions of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation (ASPR) and the Army Procurement Procedure (APP).

§ 553.12 Encroachments and revocable licenses.

(a) *Encroachments.* No railroads will be permitted upon the right-of-way acquired by the United States leading to Arlington or Soldiers' Home National Cemetery or to encroach upon any roads or walks thereon and maintained by the United States.

(b) *Revocable licenses.* The construction or erection of poles and lines (including underground lines) for transmitting and distributing electric power or for telephone and telegraph purposes, as well as water and sewer pipes, will not be permitted without the authority of the Department of the Army. Requests for revocable licenses to construct water, gas, or sewer lines or other appurtenances on or across the cemetery or an approach road in which the Government has a right-of-way or fee simple title or other interest will be submitted for final action to